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FEBRUARY REPORT 1991

The cases coming into the shop are on the increase and coming from afar, just had a letter from Canada where one of our members had lump sum payment from D.S.S. from the overseas branch. We keep in touch with people no matter where they live.

We received another case from abroad and this time it came from New Zealand it is being dealt with through the D.S.S. Overseas branch.

Doctor Prakash has answered our mail after we wrote to him for the third time. I do believe that commonsense will prevail.

The Evening Times did a double feature and it was very important that the group got mentioned and the good work of Clydeside Action on Asbestos. The case was a female who is very ill and we made it clear before publication that we would ask the victim if she was prepared to talk to the press, then when she said yes, we linked up interview. Her husband had passed away with the disease.

The Group have loaned out a couple of videos on Asbestos to hospital staff at Knightswood and the ward sister told us it was very interesting. We must thank our long standing member Alec Kelly for the use of the tapes.

We took a victim from his home in Hyndland to Ross Hall Hospital in Crookston for an examination by Dr Kerr, he was examined thoroughly and we got him to see a relative as it was his first time out of the house since last September.

The committee had some training by Graham Warwick on organisation. This in turn can only be of benefit to all at the group. Members who enjoyed the training session told us it was invaluable.

We have had contacts with members in Port Glasgow and Greenock as they are trying to organise a meeting in their own area on subject of Asbestosis related diseases. We will send delegates on the date.

Our members in Port Glasgow and Greenock have now got a hall booked so we can speak at a public meeting sometime in March.

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JUNE REPORT 1991

The Chairman and Secretary were invited by Glasgow Traders Council to speak at their meeting on Wednesday 5th June. Jane McKay of Trades Council spoke highly of the work done by Clydeside Action on Asbestos. J. Dougan made a contribution on what the group does in helping victims and their family's.

C. MacPherson gave a contribution on Asbestos and emphasised the word mesothelioma as it caused through exposure to asbestos meeting closed 8.30pm.

The shop is being re-decorated at present to make it look a bit brighter for people coming to the premises.

We had unwelcome visitors who broke shop door, vandalised glass pain - repair £147. We have now received our insurance policy. Also had new grill put over the door await bill.

Anyone visiting the shop will see a nice painting of an asbestos victim suffering exposure to asbestos and depicting the "gin trap" which is illegal. It was donated to the group by the artist Sheena McGregor.